"The Author Of Eternal Salvation"

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ALL that befell the Lord Christ, all that He did or suffered, was necessary to this end, that He might be the *cause* of eternal salvation to believers. Being consecrated or perfected, He became so. And what belonged ut o that consecration, we have declared. This was that which He was of God designed u to, And the disposal of all things concerning Him to this end, was the fruit of infinite wisdom, goodness, and righteousness. No more was required of Him that He might be the author of eternal salvation ut o believers, but what was absolutely necessary there unto; n r was there an abatement made of any thing that was so necessary. Some have said, That one drop of the blood of Christ was sufficient for the salvation of the whole world, And some have made use of that saying, pretending that the overplus of His satisfaction and merit is committed to their disposal, which *they* manage to their advantage [Philippians 3:2]. But the truth is, every drop of His blood, that is, all He did, and all He suffered, for matter and manner, in substance and circumstance, was indispensably necessary ut o this end. For God did n t afflict His only Son willingly, or without cause in any thing, and His whole obedience was afflictive. He did not die nor suffer δωρεάν [in vain], Galatians 2:21, without an antecedent cause and reason. A d nothing was wanting that was requisite hereunto. Some suppose that Christ was and is the author of salvation ut o us, only by shewing, teaching, declaring the w ll of God, and the way of faith and obedience whereby we may be saved. But why then was He consecrated in the way before described? Why did it become God to make Him perfect through sufferings? W y was He bruised and put to grief? For what cause was He reduced unto the state and condition described in the verse foregoing? Certainly such men have low thoughts of sin and its guilt, of the law and its curse, of the holiness and righteousness of God, of His love to Jesus Christ, yea, and of His wisdom, who suppose that the salvation of sinners could be attained without the price and merit of all that He did and suffered; or that God would have so dealt with His only Son, might it any other ways have been attained. I might shew in particular from the Scripture, how every thing that Christ did and suffered, was n t only ue ful, but necessary also to this purpose, allowing the wisdom and righteousness of God, to give the standard and measure of what is so. But I must not too far digress. And hence it is evident, 1. How great a matter it is to have sinners made partakers of eternal redemption. 2. How great, how infinite, was that wisdom, that love and grace, which contrived it, and brought it about. 3. How great and terrible will be the ruin of them by whom this salvation is despised, when tendered [presented] according to the gospel [1 Corinthians 1:18, 21 AMEN!] — John Owen

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July 24th, 2022

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"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
(Hebrews 12:2)

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Because as King [Christ Jesus our Lord] doth administer and dispense the blessings of the New Covenant; and among them, as the chief and principal, this salvation unto all those who are qualified. And therefore it is said, Hebrews 5 verse 9, *"…being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."* Every effect must have some cause; and this noble and glorious effect of eternal salvation could have no other cause but Christ; and He, as perfected and consecrated, is the *author* and *efficient cause* of it. For as King, He sendeth down the Holy Ghost [from the Father] to reveal the gospel, and work faith in the hearts of men, to qualify them for pardon and salvation; and all those that sue [all those who beg] for pardon and salvation in His name, by the plea of His blood before the throne of God, and [confess *"Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood"*], [God] actually bestoweth pard n and eternal salvation upon them. There be many other ministerial and adjutant causes, which conduce to this effect. But He is the principal; and the word *aitios*, which signifieth a cause in general, is fitly by our translation termed the *author* of eternal salvation. So that still you see a new reason why saving faith should be described to be a believing [on] Christ. [AMEN!]—T.M.

Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

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Angela Church, August 3rd

Resources

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Grace Articles

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The Author of eternal salvation is *not* the creature; sinful man is too wicked, the creature; sinful man is too wicked, weak, and helpless to work any thing so wise, wonderful, and good. Adam did not save himself from falling when he was able. The Israelites were saved from *temporal* troubles when they obeyed the law, and the same [*temporal* thing] may be said of the moral part of mankind among the Gentiles; but many have failed and fallen, and so they are afflicted in this world; how then can *eternal* salvation be by their own works? It must be by grace in Christ, as it is impossible in any other way. Christ is the only *author of eternal salvation*. It is by His obedience being perfect, and *by the things He suffered* (Hebrews 5:8). By His righteousness and blood, by His life, death, resurrection, intercession, power, and grace, He alone could fulfil the law, without sin, so as to satisfy its *precept* and *penalty*, maintain the honor of God, and render it a righteous thing, that His fallen family *should* be saved from all their sins [Matthew 1:21]. The divinity and dignity of His person gives an endless virtue and merit to all He did and endured for the salvation of all His people, so as to render it impossible that they should perish. They are therefore saved *certainly*, *evidently*, and *finally* from Satan, sin, sorrow, death, and hell.

But our leading words remind us of a mark more particularly by which the saved may be known. What is it? Obedience to the Saviour. If you ask, "Who are the saved?" I answer *"them that obey Him."* This is a part to which preachers give less prominence than it has in the word of God, not because it is less important, but I suppose less pleasant. And yet what is [a confession] without obedience? a name, and nothing better—a fine tree without fruit. If God's people would show themselves the objects of salvation, they must obey the Saviour; and yet how often are they in disobedience? No wonder they feel the *rod*, and fail to *rejoice.* But obedience *is not the cause*, but *the effect* and *point* of salvation being applied by the Spirit, felt through *faith*, followed with *affection*, and found with a *fervent wish* to observe whatsoever the Saviour has commanded. [AMEN!] — T.R.